

**AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:**

FIGS. 9A and 9B are attached hereto and designed as “Replacement Sheets”.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1 and 4 have been amended and claims 5 to 7 newly added in order to more particularly point out, and distinctly claim the subject matter to which the applicants regard as their invention. The contents of claim 3 has been incorporated into claim 1 and claim 3 has been cancelled. No new matter is involved.

Claim 1, as now amended, is to an electrical cable that has a conductor core and a sheathing layer covering the core, where the sheathing layer is a synthetic resin material having an outer surface with a mono-color. The cable has a first mark having a first color provided on a first part of an outer surface of the sheathing layer, and a second mark having a second color provided on a second part of the outer surface of the sheathing layer. The second color is different from the first color, and the second part is positioned on an opposite side of the first side in a circumferential direction of the cable. The sheathing layer of the cable has a first outer surface and a second outer surface, the first and second outer surfaces each extending in a longitudinal direction of the cable, the first outer surface positioned opposite to the second outer surface in a circumferential direction of the cable, with at least one of the first and second outer surfaces being provided with a plurality of the first and second marks that are alternately positioned in a longitudinal direction of the cable.

Such a cable is not taught or suggested in the prior art.

In the Office Action, claims 1-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by Kondo (JP 10-031918). Reconsideration and removal of the rejection is respectfully requested in view of the present amendment to the claims and the following remarks.

With respect to contents of claim 3, which are now incorporated into claim 1, that claim was rejected as obvious. In the Office Action it was alleged, relative to claim 3, that Kondo shows a cable with a first outer surface (outer surface at left end) and second outer surface (outer surface at right end) where the surfaces extend in a longitudinal direction of the cable, with the first surface positioned opposite the second surface in a lateral direction of the cable and having first and second alternately positioned marks.

However, in Kondo, as shown in FIG. 12, the cable has one side of the cable with short lines 81, 82 and long lines 83. The circumferential other, or second, side is not discussed. As now amended, claim 1 is specific to a cable where the sheathing layer of the cable has a first outer surface and second outer surface, the first and second outer surfaces each extending in a longitudinal direction of the cable, the first outer surface positioned oppositely to the second outer surface in a circumferential direction of the cable, with at least one of the first and second outer surfaces provided with a plurality of first and second marks that are alternately positioned in a longitudinal direction of the cable. This is a completely distinct cable from that of Kondo.

Also, with respect to claim 4, as now amended, at least three of the first and second marks are provided at the end of the cable in a circumferential direction of the cable with regular intervals.

Kondo shows no such cables having at least three of the first and second marks provided at the end of the cable in a circumferential direction of the cable with regular intervals.

New claims 5 to 8 are to a combination of a cable cutting installation (20), a marking unit (21), and an electrical cable. The cable cutting installation (20) has a main body, a feed length

measuring unit (23), and a cutting unit (24). The marking unit (21) has a plurality of coloring jet units (31) and a control unit (34), each coloring jet units (31) having a colorant supply (37), a valve (36), a pressurized gas supply (38), and a nozzle. The nozzle jets a colorant from the pressurized gas supply (38) toward an outer surface of the electrical cable by a pressurized gas supplied from the pressurized gas supply (38) when the valve (36) is opened.

Kondo discloses neither a cable cutting installation nor a pressurized gas supply to get a colorant.

In view of the present amendments to the claims, and the above remarks, claims 1, 2 and 4-8 are believed to be patentable and in condition for allowance. Early action towards allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, the applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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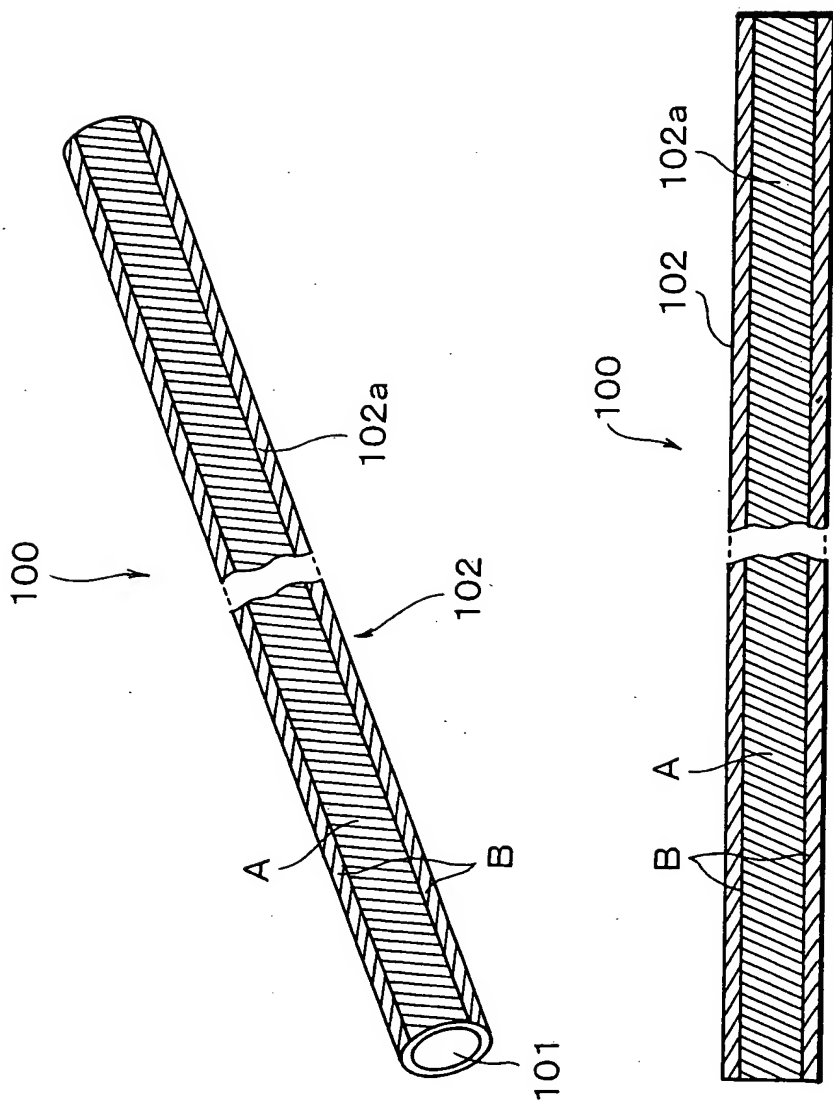


FIG. 9A

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FIG. 9B

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